

2009 Picture Contest: What Does MEPI Mean to You?

MEPI is always looking for images to give life to its mission and activities. We are creating a portfolio of pictures to use on our websites and in our publications to help us tell the MEPI story.

To do this, we are asking you to send us your best photo(s) of MEPI programs and activities. The photo(s) can feature a group or an individual, and can be still or action shots. MEPI offices (D.C., Tunis, Abu Dhabi) will showcase some of the photos in upcoming promotional campaigns, including making posters for MEPI and using the pictures on MEPI websites.

The pictures will be judged by Tunis and Abu Dhabi Regional Office staff, MEPI staff in Washington, D.C., the State Department Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs Office of Public Diplomacy, and the State Department Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs Office of the Assistant Secretary.

The winner(s) will be announced in mid-December. You'll receive wide recognition for your winning picture(s)! Winning submissions and photographers will be featured on MEPI websites, and you'll have the opportunity to describe your picture and your inspiration for taking it in a video or essay.

Please send your photo(s) to MEPI RO in Tunis at mepi-medregion@state.gov if you are sending from Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, the Palestinian Territories, or Tunisia.

For all other countries, please send your photos to the MEPI Public Affairs Coordinator in Washington, D.C., Kelley Osterthaler, at osterthalerke2@state.gov.

We look forward to seeing your photos!

Contest Guidelines:

- Deadline to submit pictures is **December 1st, 2009**. You can submit as many pictures as you like.
- Please ensure the participants you are photographing are aware that they might be featured on MEPI websites and in MEPI publications. **You are NOT required to get a signature from people in your photos. You are only required to make sure the participants and implementers photographed know that MEPI might be using the photo/video/quote in public materials.**
- Each photo must include a **date** and **attribution** (who or what organization took the picture?).
- You must include a short paragraph for each photo, explaining why the image captures "What MEPI Means to You," and a short **caption** for each photo explaining who/what you have captured in the image.
- You must provide your name, nationality, contact information and which MEPI activity you were involved in.

More questions? Email MEPI Public Affairs Specialist Kelley Osterthaler at:
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